(b) So far as information is avialable there were two occasions when there were intervals, more or less long, without permanent Magistrates. The first was when Mr. O. Kunjukrishna Menon went on privilege leave without a substitute from 13th Medam 1091 till 5th Edavam 1091. Mr. Kunjukrishna Menon died on 5th Edavam 1091, and Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar took charge of his place on 24th Edavam 1091. The second was from the after-noon of 27th Karkadagam 1103 to 10th Chingam 1104 on the retirement of Mr. K. Krishna Wariar, the Sub-Magistrate of Cochin.

(c) On the fore-noon of 2nd Mithunam 1105.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it a rule that the Magistrate must live within his jurisdiction always?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. Generally he should stop within his own jurisdiction.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How is it that in this case he was not living there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was living. Both Mukundapuram and Trichur Taluks were under his jurisdiction.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was he living in one place?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was stopping at Irinjalakkuda but was camping round about.

President.—In this case the two Taluks formed his jurisdiction. So he stopped at Trichur for one purpose and camped at Irinjalakkuda for another and vice versa.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Can he do his work efficiently if he were to stop in two places?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is only for a short time, and he would not go out of the Taluk. A short time means one and a half months up to two months.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the case of Messrs. Kunjukrishna Menon and Subramania Ayyar, were they also holding two offices during this interval?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not understand what the Hon'ble Member means by 'holding two offices'.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Two taluks.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice regarding details of the arrangements in 1091.

36. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when did the Trichur First Class Magistrate Mr. Govindan Nayar die;

(2) when his successor was appointed;

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(3) when he actually took charge of his office?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 35.

Notifying prices of articles.

37. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) why the system of notifying the market prices in the Gazette of various articles in different places in the State was discontinued ;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the great inconvenience caused to the public by such omission ;

(c) whether the Government is not aware that such notification was used as evidence in civil cases in the courts of the State?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) The Member is referred to the answer to part 2 of question No. 122 (b) of the 2nd budget session of the 2nd Legislative Council.

(b) No.

(c) The Government are not aware that these rates used to be relied on by courts as infallible evidence

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know whether this rate used to afford a guidance to the general public in fixing prices.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—You represent the public. You know it better. The Hon'ble Member represents the public as well as I do, if not better. I do not understand the question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This is not infallible?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—That is so far as the courts are concerned.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then the previous question. I want to know whether this rate used to afford a guidance to the general public.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I cannot say.

Prohibiting cars from passing through certain places on the Pooram day.

38. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there were orders that cars should not be allowed to pass through some places in Trichur during the last Pooram day; if so, what was the order and who issued it;

(b) whether any one took his car through the prohibited area and if so who was the person and what actions were taken?

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